with waxed thread, though he is not capable of giving any reaſon for it. To ſuch I am now ſpeaking; and let me tell them, that the reaſons for binding the handle are theſe: firſt, that the bat is not ſo liable to break; ſecondly, that it keeps the hands from ſlipping in ſtriking a blow; and, thirdly, that it is not ſo liable to jar the hands.

Never buy a bat ready bound; for it is a common rule among the bat-makers, when there is any conſiderable flaw in the upper part of the bat, to cover the defect with binding, and ſell it at an additional price: once or twice uſing, however, generally expoſes the fallacy, though too late to be remedied. I would therefore adviſe every little artiſt to bind his own bat, which he may eaſily do, at a very ſmall expence, in the following manner. Get a ſufficient quantity of the fineſt twine; faſten one end of it to any thing that will hold it tight, and with a ball of ſhoemakers wax cover every part of it. Then mark on your bat, with a piece of chalk, how far you intend to bind it, which is thus performed. Lay the end of your

your cord, after having turned it once round, long-ways on the bat, ſo that every ſucceeding turn may ſecure it even from the poſſibility of ever ſlipping out. Be careful every turn you take to lay it cloſe to the former; ſo that, when it is finiſhed, not the leaſt appearance of the bat may be ſeen between any part of the waxed thread. When you have finiſhed, be careful that you faſten the end tight, which may be further ſecured, by driving over it a ſmall nail that has a ſtrong head, Thus will you have a bat better bound than any you can buy ready done at the ſhops. I had like to have forgotten to remind you, that you always chuſe thoſe bats, the bottoms of which have a turn outwards, and that you cautiouſly ſuit the length of it to your own ſtature.

I proceed now to ſay ſomething of the wicket, which is compoſed of two ſtumps and a bail. Here let me obſerve, that many little boys are very inattentive to this part; for, I have frequently ſeen the ſtumps made of little ſlim pieces of deal, not above ſix inches high; which, in the ſecond or third bowling, have been ſhattered

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